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Ms. Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

RE:

Petition of Tennessee American Water Company to Change and Increase Certain Rates and Charges so as to Permit it to Earn a Fair and Adequate Rate of Return on its Property used and Useful in Furnishing Water Service to its Customers, Docket No. 03-00118.

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed for filing is the original and 13 copies of the First Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents to Petitioner by Intervenor City of Chattanooga.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely

Michael A. McMahan Special Counsel

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Certificate of Service List

#### BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

#### March 26, 2003

| IN RE:                           | DOCKET NO. 03-00118 |  |
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|                                  | 03-00116            |  |
| PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN ) |                     |  |
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| EARN A FAIR AND ADEQUATE RATE )  |                     |  |
| OF RETURN ON ITS PROPERTY USED ) |                     |  |
| AND USEFUL IN FURNISHING WATER ) |                     |  |
| SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS )       |                     |  |

# FIRST INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO PETITIONER BY INTERVENOR CITY OF CHATTANOOGA

TO: Tennessee-American Water Company c/o Dales Grimes, Esquire and George H. Masterson, Esquire Bass, Berry and Sims, PLC 315 Deaderick Street AmSouth Center Suite #2700 Nashville, Tennessee 37238-3001

Comes now the Intervenor, City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, pursuant to Rule 1220-1-2-.11 of the *Rules of Tennessee Regulatory Authority*, and propounds the following Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents to Petitioner Tennessee-American Water Company.

1.) What data, records, or information from any source, if any, was used to determine the relative quantity of consumption of water through fire hydrants for fire protection services by the City of Chattanooga?

**ANSWER:** 

2.) What is the source of the "fire demand waiting" factor and "fire demand cost" factor utilized in the development of the proposed tariff for the public fire protection classification?

ANSWER:

3.) What factors are utilized to distinguish the alleged increase in cost associated with pumping facilities or storage facilities for fire protection from the cost that would normally be incurred to design and construct such facilities, absent the need for public fire hydrants?

## **ANSWER:**

4.) What other cities in the American Waterworks System utilize a tariff for public fire protection based upon a cost of services study?

#### **ANSWER:**

5.) What factors are utilized in formulating the "extra capacity costs" associated with fire protection?

# **ANSWER:**

| 6.)             | Why is the proposed      | increase for 4                          | 3.9% for public  | fire protection so  | much higher than    |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| any other prop  | posed increase?          |   |                  |                     |                     |
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| 7.)             | What factors are use     | d to justify the                        | e maximum ho     | our ratio of 1.80 f | or fire protection? |
| ANSW            |                          |   |                  |                     |                     |
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| 8.)             | What authoritative b     | ooks, treatises                         | , or other sourc | es of information   | did your witnesses  |
| rely upon for t | he increase in tariff fo | r public fire h                         | ydrants that is  | proposed?           |                     |
| ANSW            | <u>/ER:</u>              |   |                  |                     |                     |
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# REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

# Please produce the following:

- 1.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 1.
- 2.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 2.
- 3.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 3.
- 4.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 4.
- 5.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 5.
- 6.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 6.
- 7.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 7.
- 8.) Any documents relevant to your response to Interrogatory No. 8.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE RANDALL L. NELSON, CITY ATTORNEY

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing pleading upon counsel of record by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail with adequate postage affixed thereto, addressed as follows:

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This 26th day of March, 2003.